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August 3, 2007

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Attention: STB Ex Parte No. 670  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 670, Establishment of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept my recommendation of Dan Kuehn to serve as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) to be established by the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Dan currently serves as the Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). As General Manager of LCRA, I have had the pleasure of working with Dan over the last 12 years. He consistently demonstrates leadership, vision, and excellence in his work. At the same time, Dan is a team player who is always concerned with doing what is best for our employees, customers and the communities we serve.

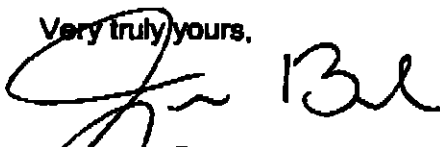
For purpose of background, in 1934 the Texas Legislature established LCRA as a conservation and reclamation district of the State of Texas. As part of its mission, LCRA operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. LCRA provides wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives, providing electricity for more than one million people in Central Texas.

LCRA has as a central mission providing consumers with reliable and affordable electric power, most of which is derived from fossil fuels and domestic coal that is transported long distances by railroad. Dan has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years. He has worked closely with the railroads, coal producers and consumers to forge productive working relationships.

I have attached more information about Dan's qualifications, as well as additional letters of support for his nomination. As you will see, Dan is highly respected by his peers and they feel confident that he will do an excellent job representing public power.

Again, on behalf of LCRA, I am proud to recommend Dan Kuehn to serve on RETAC. If you have any additional questions, please contact me directly at 1-800-776-5272, ext 3586.

Very truly yours,



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August 7, 2007

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670  
395 E Street, SW  
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***Re: Recommendation for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee***

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to support the nomination of Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to serve as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee to be established by the Surface Transportation Board.

LCRA operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. They provide wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives, providing electricity for more than 1 million people in Central Texas; including providing wholesale electricity to 11 cities and electric cooperatives in my Congressional District. I have been very impressed with their ability to provide affordable, reliable service to Central Texas customers.

A significant amount of LCRA's power is generated by coal. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project, which burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year, primarily with coal delivered by rail from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. As Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services at LCRA, Mr. Kuehn has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years. Given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, I believe he would be an excellent addition to the Committee.

Once again, I am pleased to recommend Dan Kuehn for the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee. Thank you for your consideration and please contact Jeff Burton in my Washington, DC office if you have any questions or if I can be of any service.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of K. Michael Conaway in black ink.  
K. Michael Conaway  
Member of Congress



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**Dan Kuehn is Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for LCRA, an energy, water and community services provider that generates wholesale electricity for more than 40 electric cooperatives and city-owned utilities in Central Texas. Mr. Kuehn brings more than 25 years of experience in the mineral and energy industries to LCRA and has been instrumental in developing a highly cost-effective approach to procuring fossil fuels and purchased power for LCRA's coal and natural gas power plants.**

**Mr. Kuehn's management expertise includes senior leadership and executive management, strategic planning, business and financial planning, negotiations, customer and employee relations, problem solving and conflict resolution. His technical expertise includes fuel planning and procurement, fuel energy risk management, power marketing, cost-benefit analysis, generation asset management and portfolio optimization.**

**Mr. Kuehn reports directly to the Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer. He leads a team of energy professionals who are responsible for LCRA's power plant operations, fuel and energy risk management, pricing and customer relations. Mr. Kuehn also oversees strategic fuel planning, rail transportation, natural gas pipeline and storage operations, power acquisition, power marketing, generation desk operations, generation resource planning, market research and analysis, and financial hedging of energy price risk.**

**President and Executive Board Member – Western Coal Traffic League**

**Member** State of Texas technical review committee for the evaluation and selection of state-sponsored Superconducting Super Collider project sites

## **Career Track**

### **Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Texas, 1982 – Present**

Executive Manager, Wholesale Power Services

Executive Manager, Fuel and Energy Risk Management

Manager, Wholesale Energy Trading

Manager, Fuel and Energy Risk Management

Manager, Fuels

Manager, Fuel Procurement

Engineering Supervisor, Fuel Planning

Engineering Supervisor, Mine Planning

Senior Engineer

Engineer III

### **Arch Mineral Corporation, Medicine Bow, Wyoming, 1981 – 1982**

Planning Engineer

### **Reynolds Metals Company, Bauxite, Arkansas, 1978 – 1981**

Mining Engineer

## **Education**

University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering